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TOPIC Occupation of Military Installations in the Jueterbog - Luckenwalde Area

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1. Between 17 April and 4 June 1954, the Fliegerhorst installation in Jueterbog-Damm (3203) was occupied as previously. In April and May, about 200 Soviet families arrived at and were quartered in the installation. Between 0700 and 1400, 200 to 300 soldiers almost daily engaged in infantry combat training at squad and platoon level, firing with light infantry weapons, and occasionally, drill. A driving school with 2 to 5 trucks was daily observed outside the installation. Two of these trucks repeatedly towed AA guns. One to two tanks, also engaged in driving practice. Individual two and three axle armored scout cars were seen in the installation. On 27 May, 12 trucks towing 6 x 76.2-mm, 5 x 85-mm guns and 1 x 122-mm howitzer left the installation. Columns of trucks, each one of which was occupied by about 20 soldiers, and tanks repeatedly left the installation at night. Field fortifications were being constructed in the training area south of the installation.

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2. On 28 and 29 April, a large column of trucks carrying furniture and other billeting equipment passed through the town, proceeding toward Werder-Markendorf.

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A local resident said that Camp Werder-Markendorf was again occupied to capacity after the arrival of the column. Other residents said that the troops had come from Wittenberg.

3. Between 27 May and 1 June, firing with artillery pieces, AA guns and M-13 rocket launchers was held daily in the Forst Zinna training area. On 27 May, 5 large tents and about 15 trucks were observed in Jagen (forest section) No. 53 B. About 8 camouflaged guns located in Jagen No. 55 fired toward Mehlsdorf between 1430 and 1730. The interval between discharge and impact was 4 to 6 seconds. Four AA guns were seen in Jagen No. 36 just northwest of Adolf Hitler Camp (3207); and 6 x 37-mm AA guns, which were located in Jagen No. 58 northwest of the Forst Zinna railroad station, fired at a sleeve target towed by an Il-10 at an altitude of 1,200 to 1,500 meters. On 1 June, 18 M-13 rocket launchers and 10 trucks were lined up 1 km. south of Stalag I and II (3321) in Jagen Nos 68 and 69. M-13 rocket launchers fired from various positions in the training area. Between 27 and 30 May,

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timber was continually trucked to the Forst Zinna railroad station.

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4. On 1 June, the Adolf Hitler Camp was occupied by about 2,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and tank insignia. Firing with light infantry weapons was conducted at the camp target range. On 1 June, 2 x 37-mm AA guns left the camp for the AAA emplacement at the northwest corner of the installation in Javen No 36.

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5. Between 26 May and 1 June, Stalag I, Luckenwalde, was occupied as previously by about 500 soldiers. On 31 May, 3 M-13 rocket launchers were being cleaned.

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Stalag II was occupied as previously by 400 to 500 soldiers. Truck towing a special trailer with a telescopic antenna mast entered the installation. On 29 and 30 May, 25 soldiers established a radio station with a 20-meter steel mast about 700 meters southeast of Stalag II. Motor vehicles entered the camp.

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6. During the period from 17 April to 1 June, the Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik (3322), Luckenwalde, was occupied as previously by about 500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. A radio station was still located about 700 meters north of the Klosterheide forestry.

1. Comment. The installation in Jueterbog-Damm is occupied as before by the 47th Gds Mech Regt and the 2497th AAA Regt of the 14th Gds Mech Div.

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2. Comment.

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In mid-May, the barracks installations in Wittenberg were only partially occupied. Prior to 1 June 1954, the bulk of the tank regiments were in Camp Werder-Markendorf as in previous years.

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